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**Election of Species**

With respect to Group II, the Examiner stated, "If applicant is to choose Group II, applicant should choose one from each set of species listed below: choose one figure for the embodiment of Group II."

However, the Examiner did not list a set of species for the Applicant to choose from. Moreover, in the application, the Applicant did not file different figures for each embodiment of the invention. Therefore, the Applicant is unable to determine what the Examiner is requesting with respect to Group II. Thus, at this time, the Applicant is unable to elect a species pending further clarification or instruction from the Examiner.

**CONCLUSION**


In view of the election made by the Applicant, Applicant respectfully submits that all pending claims of the present application are in condition for allowance, and such action is earnestly solicited. If, however, any questions remain, the Examiner is asked to contact the undersigned so that any such matter may be promptly resolved.

Please charge any additional fees, including any fees for additional extension of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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